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Following based on unclassified sources between

and Kohler:

concerned about policy implications press statements attributed General Clay and particularly possible Western policy shifts on Germany and Berlin. He asked whether consideration was being given possible extension recognition East Germany and specifically whether among negotiable items were (a) de facto recognition GDR; (b) formal acceptance Oder-Neisse frontier; (c) ban on nuclear weapons for Bundeswehr.

Kohler characterized remarks attributed Gen. Clay as "newspaper canard".

Said formal recognition GDR out of question. US would not RPT not be party legalizing

unrecognized division of Germany. By same token, however,

would not RPT not go forward to unit to reunite Germany.

Kohler stated that such shift in policy would be a major step towards

German unity. He noted US considered advantages for West Germany's depend

existing cultural and social ties with East Germany on that

33 million

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53 million Germans in Fed Rep would be able exert every possible influence on 17 million Germans under Communist control in Soviet Zone. As for specific questions, Kohler said definition of de facto recognition fuzzy at best; US had no RPT no intention change Oder-Neisse boundary; question nuclear weapons Bundeswehr somewhat unusual, since US and not German controlled nuclear warheads.

In response to questions concerning US stand on European security arrangements ~~in Germany~~, Kohler said US still opposed Rasacki plan and any plan which ~~aimed~~ at neutralization Germany. Stressed importance ^{having} of present course, integrated with Western Europe and part of NATO. Pointed out, however, that certain proposals such as limitation forces and measures against surprise attack were now being restudied, and emphasized that whatever action taken, most important that NATO kept informed and involved.

In this connection, US ~~we~~ would appreciate if Italian government gave its rep in NATO more positive instructions permitting him to give more vigorous forward support to proposals concerned with NATO military build up and economic countermeasures. ^{expressed} surprise such problem existed but promised do what was necessary to remedy situation.

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